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If you are confused and baffled by the current Army-Navy-Air Force controversy, you have plenty of company—including, probably, a majority of mbrs of Congress.

It is the duty of the legislative branch of Gov't to appropriate for the common defense. The present Congress has given the Administration everything for which it asked, on the assumption that Security is a commodity to be bought on the open mkt. Now it is disturbing to be told by naval men that our whole defense program may be tragically vulnerable.

We have here, of course, evidence of the chronic rivalry and discord between the armed services—the problem to which Sec'y FORRESTAL gave his life. But there are also honest differences of opinion. Who shall say in time of peace what form a new war may take, or reckon in advance the efficacy of a specific weapon? Yet, unhappily, this is the continuing task of those to whom we must look for protection. It is a task made doubly difficult by dissension. There is no early solution in sight, but a proposal now gaining favor is the organization of a civilian board or commission to pass on broader aspects of military policy. This is the recommendation originally made in the Jan '48 report of the Commission headed by THOS K FINLETTER. Neither Pres TRUMAN nor Defense Sec'y JOHNSON has warmed to the plan—and certainly the armed forces would oppose—but it may be tried as a last resort.

MAY WE *Quote* YOU ON THAT?

LINCOLN WHITE, State Dep't press official, commenting on STALIN's congratulatory message to new "E German Democratic Republic"—Communist state in Soviet zone: "It is expected that a father will pass out cigars on the birth of a son." 1-Q

Princess ELIZABETH: "Divorce and separation are responsible for some of the darkest evils in our society today." 2-Q

GEO N CRAIG, American Legion comdr: "The American Legion wants a state of welfare in America, but not a welfare state." 3-Q

CYRUS CHING, Fed'l Mediation Director: "I am just a little tired of the human race." 4-Q

Pres HARRY S TRUMAN: "I am still as strong for universal military training as I have ever been. I think it is necessary not only for the welfare of the country but for the health of our young people as well." 5-Q

Gen CARLOS P ROMULO, pres of UN Gen'l Assembly: "We have harnessed the power of the atom, but we have yet to bridle the passions of men and the ambitions of nations firmly enough to make war obsolete." 6-Q

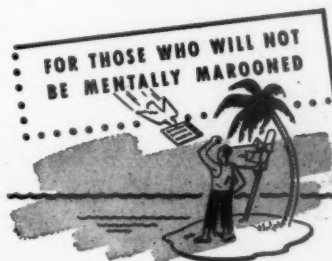
ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, nat'l comm mbr of Communist party, denouncing conviction of American "politburo": "(The verdict is) a product of Wall St-inspired hysteria, a Pearl Harbor attack against the Bill of Rights and the living standards of the American people

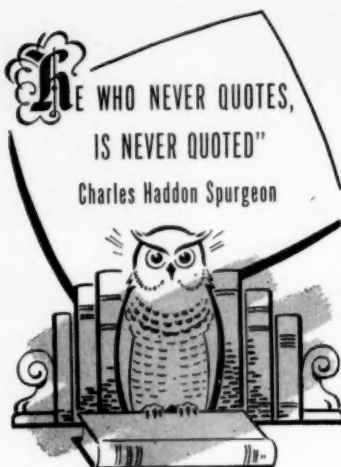
and the peace of the world. In total departure from fundamental American tradition, it is a police-state verdict against books, ideas and opinions." 7-Q

Voice of America, broadcasting news of conviction: "The contrast between Communist justice and democratic justice speaks for itself. The American Communists have availed themselves of every defense in the arsenal of democratic law, while an American judge bent over backwards to see that they got their rights." 8-Q

CLARE BOOTHE LUCE, former congresswoman: "If we can manage our for'gn policy with care, caution and generosity, too, we can win the peace." 9-Q

Capt EDDIE RICKENBACKER, pres, Eastern Air Lines, on armed forces controversy: "To give a monopoly of our nat'l defense to any one group is a fatal error. We have the Sherman Act to prevent trusts and monopolies in business and then we turn around and give a monopoly on the defense of our country. Mentalities are not that big." 10-Q





AGE—1

By '75 the aged in the U S will be 5 or 6 times as numerous as they were in 1900, having increased 2½ times as rapidly as the whole population. — CAREY McWILLIAMS, "Pension Politics in Calif," *Nation*, 10-1-'49.

AGRICULTURE—2

The well-being of a people is like a tree: Agriculture is its root, mfr and commerce are its branches and its leaves. If the root is injured, the leaves fall, the branches break away, and the tree dies.—Chinese proverb.

ART—3

What garlic is to salad, insanity is to art.—HOMER ST-GAUDENS, artist, author and lecturer.

BEHAVIOR—4

Uncle Zeke, the patriarch of a southern plantation, was inspecting an obstreperous young mule that was proving more troublesome than useful. Turning to his grandchildren, who had joined him to watch the fractious animal, he said: "Chillun, dat jackass should be a warnin' to you 'gainst de habit ob kickin'."

"What yo' mean, grandpop?" re-

joined the oldest one of the group. "Why," explained Uncle Zeke, "de better he does it de more unpopular he gits to be."—*Montreal (Canada) Star*.

BREVITY—5

No one objects to how much you say, if you say it in a few words. Brevity is the child of silence, and is a credit to its parentage.—*Wesley News*.

CHILDREN—Guidance—6

Man should not step out of childhood into life without the embryos of something positive and beautiful; without these a generation should not be permitted to start on its life journey.—FYODOR DOSTOEVSKY, "Diary of a Writer," translated & annotated by BORIS BRASOL. (Scribner)

CHURCH—Mbrship—7

In the U S, there are 72,500,000 church mbrs, 52% of the population.—*Pulpit Preaching*.

COMMUNISM—8

Will Rogers,* beloved American humorist, in '24 summarized the Reds thus: "A bunch of Bobbed Haired men (who) denounced the heavy snow, Declaration of Independence, 5¢ St Car Fare, Floods in Ga, Mayor Hylan's Bathing Suit, Twin Beds and the Eclipse . . . Communism is like Prohibition, it's a good idea but it won't work."—*Autobiography of Will Rogers*, edited by DONALD DAY. (Houghton, Mifflin)

CONTENTMENT—9

Contentment is wealth. A contented man is one who occupies his leisure with pleasant pursuits. Idleness produces nervousness, and nervousness is a breeder of discontent. Discontent is poverty of mind.—*Hobbies*.

CRITICISM—10

Blessed is the man who has a skin of the right thickness. He can work happily in spite of enemies and friends.—HENRY T BAILEY, *NEA Jnl*.

DEMOCRACY—11

Democracy is a kingless regime infested by many kings who are sometimes more exclusive, tyrannical, and destructive than one, if he be a tyrant . . . —BENITO MUSOLINI,* Fascist dictator.

DRINK—Drinking—12

A mass portrait which, neither in part nor whole, will ever be bought for the whisky ads ("Men of Distinction") is this one: the 14,151 persons (out of a total of 19,892 for all causes) committed to the District of Columbia jail for intoxication during the fiscal yr '49.—*Christian Science Monitor*.

EDUCATION—13

A college education is one of the few things a person is willing to pay for and not get.—WM LOWE BRYAN, Pres-Emeritus, Ind University.

EMPLOYMENT—14

In 1850 the population of the U S was 23,191,876. The number of gainfully employed was 7,700,000 or 33.2% of all the people. This 7.7 millions included the farmers.

In '48 the population was 147,280,000 and of this number those gainfully employed totaled 60,134,000. This is 40.8% of the population and does not include the farmers. — *Employment Counselor*, hm, Employment Counselors Ass'n.

FAMILY—15

You don't maintain a family circle by taking sides.—MARCELENE COX, *Ladies' Home Jnl*.

FUTURE—16

Brookings Inst, conservative research agency, offers some dazzling prospects for America's future, barring major catastrophes. Before 2050 A D, for example, we shall be able to spend \$90 million a yr on education—30 times more than we are spending today. Expenditures for health can also rise 30 times; those for recreation 33 times.—*Nat'l Parent-Teacher*.

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GERMANY—Postwar—17

Germany today is like a man leaving a hospital on crutches after slowly recovering from a long serious illness. The patient's steps are shaky but courageous. He is now on his own but his handicaps will remain and it will require at least 25 yrs of educational reorientation to restore his health. We must remain with the patient to provide sympathetic assistance.—FATHER REDMOND BURKE, director of libraries, De Paul Univ, *New World*.

They say . . .

Survey Bulletin reports current estimate on educational front: despite average 52% increase in tuition rates, prediction is that 20% of U S private colleges, univ's, will operate in the red this yr . . . Hitherto silent HARPO MARX has prepared for lecture tour of U S women's clubs. *Quick* lists his subject: "Biblical characters" . . . DON DORNBROOK, *Milwaukee Jnl* columnist, delving into children's lore, discovered that a youthful character in *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*—published in 1900—predicts a gadget that will one day enable people to sit in their parlors, see anything they want, anywhere in the world. Good marksmanship for the crystal ball with current television sales outstripping radio sales. As KIRTLINGER's *Changing Times* sums it up: "It looks like the eyes have it."

GOOD—and Evil—18

Joe Moskowitz ret'd from Israel with an old Talmudic tale which bears special significance these days when some in our midst are still trying to divide and conquer: A great man once told his servant, "Go to the mkt and get me something good." The servant ret'd with a tongue. On another occasion the master told his servant: "Now get me something bad." And the servant brought another tongue.

"Why a tongue each time?" asked the master.

"Because," was the wise answer, "a tongue may be the source of either good or evil. If it is good, there is nothing better. If it is bad, there is nothing worse!"—IRVING HOFFMAN, *Hollywood Reporter*.

GOV'T—19

The Gov't may be working for posterity but it insists on being paid by us.—*Dublin (Eire) Opinion*.

HABIT—20

Freedom from bad habits bests any other kind of freedom.—ED HOWE, quoted in *Forbes*.

HISTORY—21

Every idea, whether it be of a religious, an ethical, a philosophic, a scientific or an artistic nature, had its forerunners and pioneers, without which it would be inconceivable. Almost invariably thinkers of all countries and peoples have contributed to its development.—RUDOLF ROCKER, *Nationalism & Culture*. (Rocker)

HOUSING—22

We're mixed up in America. We get appropriations for houses of correction, but not for correct houses. — WALTER REUTHER, labor leader, *Survey*.

INDIVIDUALITY—23

Read every day something no one else is reading. Think every day something no one else is thinking. Do every day something no one else would be silly enough to do. It is bad for the mind to be always a part of a unanimity.—CHRISTOPHER MORLEY, author & literary critic, *American Artist*.

INTUITION—24

Intuition is reason in a hurry.—HOLBROOK JACKSON, *Think & Remember*.

LANGUAGE—25

Usage makes the language. It has always been that way. When someone complained to Victor Hugo that something he had written "wasn't French," he repl'd, "It is now."—*N Y Times*.

LAZINESS—26

Laziness grows on people. It begins in cobwebs—and ends in iron chains.—*Campbell's Aetna-gram*.

LUCK—27

"Old Jim's the luckiest man on earth," commented one of his neighbors. "Insured his house—burned down to the ground in a mo. Insured himself against accident—broke his arm in a wk. Insured his life last wk, and y' know, now he's dead!" — *Baptist Message*.

MODERN AGE—28

Halloween* last yr for one Montreal man was very different from his youth. He laid in a store of sweets and apples, mixed them up with peanuts and pennies, and waited for his merry visitors. They came all right, but they booed him for his humble offerings. They demanded quarters or dimes at least.—*Montrealer*. (Canada)

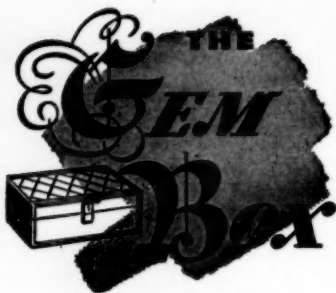


One hundred and forty-nine yrs ago this wk a middle-aged New England couple named JOHN and ABIGAIL ADAMS* moved into a new home, in a new community. The new community was that mushroom settlement which everyone except GEO himself called Washington. (The Father of his Country, who had died the preceding Dec, meticulously referred to it as The Fed'l City.) The new home was, of course, the President's Palace, the structure we now know as the White House.

It was a bleak barn of a bldg, this newly-constructed "palace"—160 ft long, "bare as a bone," and standing on the edge of a swamp. Planks laid across a mudhole led to the entrance. There was no paving, no drainage, no water system. (Water was carried to the house thru an open board trough, from a nearby spring.)

The aristocratic ABIGAIL, who had entertained royally in for'gn courts, soon saw that the \$25,000 Congress had allowed for furnishings would not go far. She decided a staff of 30 servants would be needed, all of whom must be paid from the President's private purse.

Up to the time of BUCHANAN, in 1865, Congress refused to shoulder any part of the chief exec's secretarial and domestic expense. Today, in contrast, the President's '49 budget totals \$998,254 in salaries for the immediate White House staff of more than 200 persons. The full sum is covered by Congressional appropriation.



Adults' Bill of Rights For Halloween

With the approach of Halloween, the night of witches and pumpkins, enthusiastic kids, flattened tires and soaped windows, the N Y Youth Commission last yr drew up an Adults' Bill of Rights for that night.

For each adult, the commission asks:

1. The right to move freely without tripping over clotheslines.
2. The right of undisturbed possession of front steps and porch furniture.
3. The right to security from physical hazards.
4. The right of freedom from unholy activities on this holy evening (that's what Halloween means in Anglo-Saxon).
5. The right to get some sleep after the hilarity of the evening.
6. The right to receive instructions from children regarding the proper details for the Halloween party.
7. The right to supply costumes and goodies to excited and appreciative children.
8. The right to share in whatever expenses there may be for items of interest to elves, witches, ghosts, goblins, fairies, trolls of all kinds and to the most important of all groups of sprites—the children.—*Boston Globe*.

OBJECTIVE—29

An individual was arrested in Lille, France, on the charge of having stolen 29 autos during a 5 mo period. Said he "only wanted to learn to drive."—*Hispano Americano*, Mexico. (Quote translation)

OPPORTUNITY—30

One man stumbles over an idea, picks himself up, brushes off his knees, calls the idea a dirty name, and goes on peddling his picca-

illi. Another man stumbles over an idea, picks the idea up, brushes it off, calls it a honey, and turns it into a \$100,000 salary with bonus.—*CHARLIE BARR, Fine Paper Salesman*.

ORIGIN: "Dunderhead"—31

The expression "He's a Dunderhead" originates from wine. The dregs of wine are called dunder, which is the overflow of the fermenting liqueurs and has no spirit . . . Thus it has a negative personality and does nothing.—*Irish Licensing World*.

Science can never: Hold a soft, cool hand on your brow when you are ill . . . Put its head on your pillow and kiss you in the deep dark of the night, after you have suffered a business failure . . . Say it prefers to sit in the balcony when you are about to splurge on the expensive seats downstairs . . . Say, "Don't worry, dear, she deserved it," when you are miserable for having bawled out one of the daughters . . . Slip 4 candy bars in to your pocket when you start out for golf . . . —*Better Homes & Gardens*. 32

PATRIOTISM—33

Stabilize America 1st, prosper America 1st, think of America 1st, exalt America 1st. — *WARREN G HARDING,* 29th U S pres*.

PERSISTENCE—34

Persistence is the key to existence.—Origin unknown.

POPULATION—35

Population of the U S back in '22, was about 106 million. Almost 1/3 of the people lived on farms. Labor union had 4 million mbrs, and were declining in strength.

Now the population is 149 million with only 1/6 of the people living on farms. Labor unions have 15 million mbrs, and are maintaining their strength.—*U S News & World Report*.

PRAYER—36

"Prayer, like radium," scientist Alexis Carrel* once said, "is a luminous and self-generating form of energy." — *NORMAN VINCENT PEALE, minister, Pageant*.

PSYCHOLOGY—37

Myron Cohen tells at Leon & Eddie's of an 'insomnia-sufferer being told by a doctor: "Take one of these pills. You'll not only sleep tonight but you'll take a trip. You'll wake up in Paris."

Next morning the patient phoned, "Doc, I slept. But no trip. I'm right here at home."

"What color pill did you take?"

"Yellow."

"Darn," said the doctor. "I made a mistake. I gave you the round-trip pill."—*Des Moines Register*.

RACE—Discrimination—38

Lena Horne says from now on she will bring suit every time she is barred from a restaurant because of her race. "I'm tired of people asking for my autograph in one breath and in the next, refusing to serve me a cup of coffee."—*SHEILAH GRAHAM, columnist Milwaukee Jnl*.

REFORM—39

The guy decided to reform. The 1st wk he cut out smoking. The 2nd wk he cut out drinking. The 3rd wk he cut out women. The 4th wk he cut out paper dolls.—*V-Up Refresher*.

RELIGION—40

To avoid the risk of losing their religion, many people do not take it with them into their places of business.—*Grit*.

SALES—Resistance—41

An American housewife, new to Italy, got a free lesson in sales resistance from a Roman woman.

Every time she went to mkt the fishermen threw eels, live octopus, perch and tuna into her basket. They then demanded to be paid.

"Watch me," said the Roman woman, "and do as I do."

Imitating the American, she sidled timidly thru the mkt. When the fishermen descended, she protested mildly. But she let them fill her basket. When it was full, she suddenly stepped into the st, gave a scream of anger and scattered the contents in the middle of the traffic.

The American woman tried it. It worked perfectly. Today she can go to the mkt and choose what she wants—with her basket empty.—*GEO WELLER, Chicago Daily News Forgn Service*.

SEXES—42

A fed'l bureau complains that the annual cost to the gov't for a man prisoner is \$390, while the cost for a woman prisoner for the same period is \$3,600. Most husbands will consider that the gov't is getting off dirt cheap.—ART BENSON, *Weyerhaeuser News*, hm, Weyerhaeuser Sales Co.

SPEECH—Speaking—43

When asked what sort of speech he intended to make, Gen Carlos Rolando, pres of UN Assembly, explained: "I have 2 types of political speeches. First, there is the Mother Hubbard speech. Like the garment, it covers everything and touches nothing.

"Then there's my French bathing suit speech. It covers only the essential points."—MALVINA STEPHENSON, *N A N A*.

SUCCESS—44

Men usually get somewhere when they develop a brake for the tongue and an accelerator for the brain.—*Gas Flame*, hm, Citizens Gas & Coke Utility.

Schools America Needs

Schools America needs are schools that see beneath the surface. They are schools that accept each child for what he is and for what he has in him to become. They are schools in which each teacher treats each child with the same respect accorded to the principal of the school or the mayor of the city. They are schools run for the growth of a child and not necessarily for the convenience of the teaching staff . . . America needs schools that exemplify—from the architecture of the school bldg to the architecture of the teacher's facial expression—that each person is infinitely valuable.—L D HASKEW, "Schools America Needs," *Tex Outlook*, 8-'49. 45

TELEVISION—46

Radio and film comedian Bob Hope describes television thus: "Smog with knobs."

" "

Comedian Fred Allen comments: "Television has made rapid strides. A yr ago this time, 30% of the

people thought television was bad. Today, only 90% think it's lousy."—EARL WILSON, *N Y Post Syndicate*.

TEMPERANCE*—47

Temperance puts wood on the fire, meal in the barrel, flour in the tub, money in the purse, credit in the country, contentment in the house, clothes on the children, vigor in the body, intelligence in the brain, and spirit in the whole constitution.—BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, American statesman.

THRIFT—48

Marriage encourages thrift, says a banker. Demands is the word.—*Banking*.

TRUTH—49

At times it seems as if truth is becoming obsolete in our time, fading with neglect into the remoteness of fantasy, the way certain species of animals have perished from the earth.—JIMMY CANNON, *N Y Post Home News*.

VALUES—50

We spend money thru pipelines for war, and thru eye droppers for welfare and security.—LOUIS WIRTH, sociologist and educator, *Survey*.

WAR—Debt—51

A war debt is annoying but in these troubled times it is comforting to have at least one thing that is permanent and unchanging.—*Wesley News*.

WEALTH—52

Wealth—the savings of many in the hands of one.—EUGENE V DEBS,* American socialist leader.

WISDOM—53

Nat'l power and dollars and military ascendancy may preserve us temporarily; but the dynamic tensions of our society can be relieved only by moral and social wisdom.—RAYMOND FOSDICK, *World Affairs Interpreter*.

YOUTH—Judgment—54

Many young people today seem to think that anything new is good—anything which has been done in the past is bad. Youth needs to develop the capacity for reviewing facts in the framework of the relationship of the facts to each other, whether they are good or

bad, rather than whether they are new or old.—Dean ELIZABETH LEE VINCENT, *N Y State College of Home Economics*, quoted in *Dairy-men's League News*, hm, Dairy-men's League Cooperative Ass'n.



October 30—November 5—Girl Scout Wk
October 30—November 5—Nat'l Radio Wk
November 1-7—American Art Wk

October 30

1735—^ab John Adams, 2nd U S pres
1812—^b Fyodor Dostoevsky, Russian author
1857—^b Gertrude Atherton, American author
1895—^b Gerhard Domagk, German pathologist, discoverer of prontosil
1922—^aMussolini made premier of Italy
1948—1st DP admitted by Congressional Act arrived N Y
1949—Reformation Sunday
1949—World Temperance Sunday

October 31

1517—Luther posted Wittenberg Theses
1860—^b Juliette Gordon Low, American founder Girl Scouts
1863—^b Wm Gibbs McAdoo, American lawyer, politician
1887—^b Chiang Kai-Shek, Chinese civil and military leader
1949—Halloween

November 1

1500—^b Benvenuto Cellini, Florentine sculptor, author, goldsmith
1815—^b Crawford W Long, American doctor, 1st used ether as anesthetic
1949—Nat'l Author's Day

November 2

1734—^b Dan'l Boone, American explorer
1755—^b Marie Antoinette, French ruler
1795—^b Jas K Polk, 11th U S pres
1865—^b Warren G Harding, 29th U S pres
1887—^d Jenny Lind, Swedish soprano

November 3

1794—^b Wm Cullen Bryant, American poet
1845—^b Edw Douglas White, 9th Chief Justice, Supreme Court
1879—^b Vilhjalmur Stefansson, Canadian Arctic explorer
1928—1st talking picture released

November 4

1840—^b Auguste Rodin, French sculptor
1847—^d Felix Mendelssohn, German composer
1865—^b Chevalier Jackson, American surgeon, inventor of bronchoscope
1869—^d Geo Peabody, American philanthropist
1879—^b Will Rogers, American humorist, philosopher
1891—^b Frederick G Banting, Canadian doctor, co-discoverer of insulin
1895—^b Eugene Field, American poet

November 5

1855—^ab Eugene V Debs, American socialist leader
1857—^b Ida Tarbell, American author, historian
1915—^d Edw Livingstone Trudeau, American physician, pioneer in fight against tuberculosis
1942—^d Geo M Cohan, American actor, author
1944—^d Dr Alexis Carrell, French physician, biologist, author

*Indicates relevant nat'l in current issue. See items thus marked.

GOOD STORIES

You Can Use

On a visit to N Y, a distinguished historian from the Midwest became aware, for the 1st time in his scholarly life, of the entertainment world's wkly newspaper, *Variety*, which never uses a complete word when an abbreviation will do. The old gentleman was delighted by this brisk approach to the English language and studied a number of issues.

Shortly thereafter a young post-graduate student was accorded the rare privilege of lunching with the great man. Determined to make every min count, the youngster asked straight off: "Sir, what is your opinion of Schlesinger as a historian?"

"Well," ans'd the savant, "he's certainly got a good rep in the b.z."—*This Wk.* **a**

" "
 The 49th state frequently seems to be the State of Suspense.—*CAREY WILLIAMS, Publishers Syndicate.*

" "
 Officials of Guatemala City purchased 4 new autos, which were enthusiastically described by an over-zealous young reporter who had not investigated the matter: "They are so comfortable, have such good lines, and are so elegant that we can hardly wait to ride in them." Unfortunately, most of his readers did not agree—they were hearses.—*Blick in die Welt, Germany.* (QUOTE translation) **b**

" "
 Someone defined Teen Age as a time in life when girls beg'n to powder and the boys begin to puff. — *St Cloud Advocate.*

" "
 A near-sighted man lost his hat in a strong wind. He gave chase, but every time he was catching up with it, it was whisked from under his hand. A woman screamed from a nearby farmhouse: "What are you doing there?" He mildly repl'd that he was trying to get his hat. "Your hat!" the woman exclaimed. "There it is over by the stone wall. That's our little black hen you've been chasing!"—*Two Bells, hm, Ga Power Co.* **c**

I LAUGHED AT THIS ONE

SPENCER IRWIN
Columnist

This story has been going the rounds in Czechoslovakia: Stalin was given a piece of cloth by an admirer. He took it to a Russian tailor and asked what could be made of it. Only a pair of shorts, he was told.

Not satisfied, Stalin went to a Polish tailor. A pair of full trousers could be cut from it, he was informed.

Next he went to Czechoslovakia and there learned it would be possible to make both trousers and a vest.

In France, the tailor could cut a coat and trousers.

At last Stalin went to a famous tailor in Regent St, London, and asked if he could make a suit from the cloth. "How many?" asked the Englishman.

Surprised, Stalin asked how it was possible when only shorts could be made from the cloth in Russia.

"You see, Comrade Stalin," said the English tailor, "the farther you get from Moscow, the smaller you become."—*Cleveland Plain-Dealer.*

Now comes the sad tale of the poor Polish man who got 3 yrs in prison for a joke the Russians thought was unfunny. He told a customer: "No red herrings. They left for Russia."—*Ind Catholic & Record.* **d**

" "
 Juvenile delinquency: *kids acting like their parents.*—*Times of Brazil, (Sao Paulo)*

" "
 The late Chief Justice White of the U S Supreme Court was famous for his wit. One morning, a few mo's before his death, he was accosted by an att'y, Timothy Ansberry, with a cheery good morning.

"Good morning," Justice White

ret'd. But, not recognizing Ansberry, the venerable jurist added cautiously: "Is it possible that I have forgotten your name?"

"It's Ansberry," was the reply.

"Oh, yes, my dear Ansberry," the Chief Justice hastily put in. "You must excuse me for not recognizing you instantly. You know the cataracts are forming over my eyes, and I do not see as well as I did."

"But," rejoined Ansberry, "I notice that the cataracts do not prevent you from seeing the deficiencies in my arguments before your court."

Grinning broadly, the great jurist laid a hand on Ansberry's shoulder and repl'd: "No, my dear Ansberry, a blind man could see them."—*Labor.* **e**

" "
 Turning over a new leaf at New Yr's may be all right but it's turning over a lot of old ones in Oct that gives a fellow a crick in the back.—*Horizons, syndicated by Cambridge Assoc's, Boston.*

" "
 Two modern youngsters were discussing the subject of piggy banks.

"I think it's childish to save money that way," little Mary opined.

"I do, too," Annie repl'd. "And I believe also that it encourages children to become misers."

"And that's not the worst of it," Mary exclaimed. "It turns parents into bank robbers." — *Montreal (Canada) Star.* **f**

" "
 "Jas, why did you enter into the ministry?" asked an elderly aunt of her nephew, a poor preacher.

"Because I was called," he ans'd.

"Jas," said the old lady anxiously, as she looked up from wiping her spectacles. "Are you sure it wasn't some other noise you heard?"—*Baptist Student.* **g**

" "
 A medium, giving a seance, was bringing back people from the



other world. A 9-yr-old kid was among those present.

"I want to talk to Grandpa," he insisted.

"Quiet! Quiet!" hushed the medium, somewhat annoyed.

"I want to talk to Grandpa," repeated the kid.

"Very well, little boy," conceded the medium, making a few hocus-pocus passes. "Here he is."

"Hello, Grandpa, what are you doing up there? You ain't dead."—*Capper's Wkly.* **h**

Humor: Moscow style

Invaded by a scourge of rats and unable to repress them, France asked the U S for 50,000 cats under the Marshall Plan. The Americans agreed to fill the order, on condition that once the rats were destroyed the French would buy American rats with dollars so that the American cats could be fully guaranteed an American standard of living. — *Krokodil.* (Moscow) **i**

A Sunday-school teacher was trying to impress on her pupils the need for missionaries in the East, and told the story of a poor native who broke his arm and was taken to hospital, where he learned for the 1st time about Christianity.

"Very soon," she concluded, "he was well and ret'd to his home. Now, how could he learn more about religion?"

There was silence for a moment, then one bright child volunteered, "Please miss, he could break his other arm."—*Tit-Bits.* (London) **j**

Many yrs ago, when you could buy keg whisky by the gal, the story goes that Sam LaFlamme went into Octave Upey's saloon with a 1-gal crockery jug and ordered it filled. Octave drew the whisky from the keg and put the full jug on the bar.

"How much?" asked Sam.

"Three dollars," said Octave.

"Okay," agreed Sam, "I'll pay you payday."

"Nothing doing," protested Octave. "No credit here."

"All right," said Sam, "if you

don't want my business, pour your whisky back and give me my jug."

Angrily, Octave complied, failing to notice that he was not putting back as much as he had drawn out. When Sam got outside, he took a piece of wire with a hooked end, inserted it in the jug, and slowly pulled out a large sponge.—*CHAS M SHERIDAN, True.* **k**

"*History repeats itself. An archeologist reported that Europe touched America millions of yr's ago.*"—Oregon Purchasing News.

A despondent rooster leaned his head against the barn door: "What's the use of it all? Eggs yesterday, chickens today, feather dusters tomorrow." — *Gas Flame,* hm, Citizens Gas & Coke Utility. **l**

"What if I were one of those husbands, my dear, who gets up cross in the mornings and bangs things about and scolds like anything just because the coffee is cold?"

"John," responded his wife, "I would make it hot for you."

John is still wondering whether she meant him or the coffee.—*Watchman-Examiner.* **m**

"*Adolescence is when they begin to question answers.*"—Fort Morgan (Colo) Herald.

Conservatives who are bitterly opposed to the British Labor Gov't's nationalization program congratulated the Laborites recently on their latest posters. The posters, prominently displayed thru-out Eastbourne, England, said:

"Today Britain has the highest production, the lowest unemployment and the best health record in history."

Immediately below, printed in large type, was: "Nationalization will stop this!"

A Socialist spokesman explained: "The poster came in sections, and unfortunately they have been put up in the wrong order. The nationalization slogan should have been placed after another section. We're putting up new ones."—*U P.* **n**

BLANKETS: New electric blanket, controlled by body heat, employs no manually-operated control. Separate warming areas in blanket give extra-needed heat to 1 sleeper without disturbing other. (PETER DRYDEN, *Parade*)

FISHING—Bait: Chemical worm digger—a white powder to be dusted lightly over an area containing fresh earthworm holes, then thoroughly sprinkled with water. Worms come completely out of holes for easy picking; the chemical does not injure the grass. (*Science News-Letter*)

KNITTING—Aids: Knitting needles, called "Knitmark," have length of needles marked off in in's, for measuring work. (CHARLOTTE MONTGOMERY, *Tide*)

OFFICE APPLIANCES: New kind of typewriter ribbon makes it possible to turn out a perfectly typed letter every time. Typing errors or whole sentences can be made to vanish completely by touch of eradicator that comes with ribbon. Erasures leave not the faintest mark or trace of the error; ribbon keeps typewriter keys clean much longer. (*Rotarian*)

PAINT: Non-skid paint, to be applied to steps, walks, play rooms, has gritty surface which prevents slipping. (*Quick*)

REFRIGERATION: Refrigerator which looks like a chest of drawers or radio cabinet is for use in dens and living rooms. (*McCall's*)

WEARING APPAREL: Shirt with collar that won't wrinkle, won't wilt and won't take starch. Made of a tight weave in single thickness which will not absorb starch and cannot be wrinkled in the ironing. Collar is shaped to fit the neck, hold its form without stains. (*Chicago Daily News*)

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Geographic Education for Survival—GEO T RENNER, Teachers College, Columbia Univ. & PAUL F GRIFFIN, Stanford Univ. *School & Society*, 8-6-'49.

In recent yrs it has been often said that the fate of civilization, even the survival of mankind itself, rests upon a race between education and catastrophe. If this be anything more than a mere cliché, it obviously refers to some special sort of education, not just any kind. In fact, there is a good deal of reason to believe that education simply to produce literacy without proper cultivation of social values may actually hasten catastrophe by making possible the spread of propaganda far more rapidly than among illiterate populations . . .

We have not succeeded in making our people either understanding enough or tolerant enough to live in the world today. We may build a system of education which tells the *child* to be tolerant or exhorts him to be understanding, but when the *man* comes up against the fact that other men with cultures unlike his own do not even define familiar terms in the way he does, he is not going to understand. When he finds them competing for things wanted by himself, he is not going to be tolerant, no matter how often he has been told to be so . . .

What is needed is for him to like other peoples well enough to make him go to great lengths to avoid fighting them, and this requires that he understand them

Education for internat'l understanding should be conceived in broad terms to include all forms of communication, such as books, newspapers, radio and motion pictures.—GEO F ZOOK, pres, American Council on Education, "Education and the Present World," *Annals of the American Academy of Political & Social Science*, 9-'49.

well enough to make him feel it to be unnecessary to fight them. If education can find out how to accomplish this, it will most certainly avoid catastrophe; if it cannot do so, then a world debacle seems almost certain.

A Layman Looks at "Modern" Education—LEONARD G RUBIN, *Education*, 9-'49.

What gave us the atom bomb? The answer is scientific education. Why do the Russians think as they do? The answer is education. Why were we in the U S blind isolationists until recently? Again education. In short, you might ask what's wrong with the thinking of the world's population. Again the answer would be just the same—education.

The great masses of the world's people have only a rudimentary education, and much of this education is totally inadequate and unenlightened. The educated few have given to the world's uneducated many, certain tools and scientific equipment. Many of these tools have been put to other uses than which they were originally intended. Tractors have been made into tanks, explosives for mining and industrial purposes became bombs and cannon shells, airplanes for transportation converted into deadly bombers, and now atomic energy—man's future hope, into atomic destruction . . .

No one would suggest that a 10-yr-old youngster should drive an automobile. Yet the people of the world as a group, are as mentally immature as a 10-yr-old youngster . . . If the 10-yr-old plays with the automobile long enough, some sort of accident or destruction will result. The world has had 2 such accidents already in the 20th century, and if the uneducated world youngster is allowed to keep playing, the 3rd accident may well prove fatal . . .

Let us teach our students from kindergarten to doctors degree aspirants that only world organiza-

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When we regard the curious perversities to be found among many "educated" adults — self-absorptions, pettinesses, fears, egotisms, prejudices, dogmatisms, pedantries—we are forced to wonder whether the dispelling of ignorance is anything more than the merest beginning of wisdom, not its achievement.—H A OVERSTREET, *Mature Mind*. (Norton)

tion, world courts and world justice are desirable ends. Let us push all scholastic subjects forward to where science alone is today. Science knows no boundaries, no limitations, no races, creeds or colors. History, geography, political science, civics, sociology and all the rest must be taught accordingly . . .

Facism, dictators, and other such phenomenon are just further examples of the juvenile state of our world . . . Petty nationalism must give way to world order and internat'l law . . . We must all realize now that there soon must be one world or none—let us say so in our schools. Grow up educators! Grow up America! Grow up world!

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